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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

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106. (New) A microencapsulation process comprising:

- a) adding a core material and a non-aqueous medium comprising an oil having a melting point above about 110 Deg. F., into a mixer;
- b) mixing the core material and the oil at substantially ambient pressure until microencapsulated particles are formed that comprise the core material and oil; and
- c) discharging the microencapsulated particles;

with the proviso that no grinding, sorting or separation step is performed.

REMARKS

By response to this office action, applicant has added new claim 106. In the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, claims 50-105 were rejected by a final rejection. Applicant hereby requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner after the Examiner has had a chance to consider this Response. No new matter has been added by adding the new claim, full support being found throughout the originally-filed specification.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The examiner has rejected claims 51-105 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,048, 562 to Mandralis et al. With respect to claims 51-105, applicant respectfully transverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), request consideration of the following remarks, and withdrawal of this rejection.